

30 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 30 March 1966

25X1 [] of DDS&T/FMSAC gave a background briefing on the Soviet satellite reconnaissance program.

DD/I noted some difficulty in working out arrangements for the handling of a recent Soviet defector with knowledge of Soviet SIGINT. NSA takes the position that his information should be passed through SIGINT channels. This is a problem we hope to resolve at a reasonably low level. Meanwhile, interrogations proceed.

Godfrey reported on the situation and outlook in Ecuador where there are tough times ahead. He noted New York Times and Washington Post stories alleging certain NATO Council actions in regard to matters raised at the Council by Secretary Ball. The fact is that Ball merely raised certain questions for study by the Council. The questions do have far-reaching implications.

Godfrey reported on the Soviet Party Congress. Today's activities will be largely seconding speeches by orators who follow Brezhnev's major address yesterday.

25X1 [] reported that two FBI representatives were briefed yesterday
25X1 on the [] This is of interest to the Bureau in its application to crime investigation. The FBI representatives await the results of actual tests in Vietnam and will keep in touch with us to keep posted.

Houston reported that Representative Monagan of the House Foreign Affairs Committee is traveling to SVN. He is interested in the PAT program and arrangements are being made for him to visit Vung Tau.

At DCI inquiry Houston explained that he has been unsuccessful to date in arranging a specific time for a visit to NPIC by Representatives Mahon and Rivers. We have supplied Agency information on our budget to the staff on the Hill and hope that this will trigger interest in the

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visit. The DCI thought well of an IG suggestion that the presentation made by NPIC include reference to the Soviet satellite reconnaissance program along lines of the background briefing given this morning.

Chamberlain for DD/S&T reported that we still expect a Soviet lunar probe on 31 March or 1 April. Our guess is that it will be a soft landing with a photography capability and that the instrumentation vehicle may be a crawler.

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Chamberlain covered highlights [REDACTED] including the status of testing facilities at Lop Nor (see Action 2), the appearance for the first time this year of a new small silo ICBM group, and a crater resulting from the Soviet nuclear test of 20 March. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has failed to locate a G-class submarine in China.

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DD/P noted receipt of a preliminary report that fighting has broken out in southern Syria. Details are not yet clear.

DD/P said that he had recommended for reading by the Vice President [REDACTED] recent article in Foreign Affairs. The recommendation was made to Connell of the Vice President's staff.

DD/P noted press reports that Alexis Johnson will become Ambassador to Japan. There is no confirmation of this.

DDCI reported on the status of planning in the Department to ensure that U. S. ambassadors are alert to their responsibilities in regard to intelligence coverage. Any directive sent to ambassadors in this regard is expected to be available to us for comment and coordination in advance.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI reiterated his desire to know more about the Shrike strike program in Vietnam. (DD/S&T - Status report by 4 April)

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2. OSI is to prepare an appropriately sanitized paper on the forthcoming ChiCom nuclear test for consideration of public release by an official U. S. spokesman. (DD/S&T by 8 April)



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